

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** An edge protector for protecting ~~[[the]]~~ an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; ~~[[,]]~~ and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, ~~one~~ of each of said second arms being connected to one of ~~each~~ of said first arms by a connecting portion to define a half of the edge protector, said half having a generally S-shaped profile in cross section;

wherein ~~and characterised in that~~ a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to ~~[[its']]~~ the respective first arm.

2. **(currently amended)** An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article; and

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms;

wherein

a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm; and

~~An edge protector according to claim 1, wherein each of said second arms has a distal portion parallel to [[its']] said respective [[said]] first arm.~~

³~~2~~. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim 1 fabricated integrally from a durable material.

³~~4~~. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ²~~3~~, wherein the durable material is a plastics material[[,]] ~~such as polyvinyl chloride or polyethylene.~~

⁵~~5~~. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ²~~3~~, wherein the durable material is derived from wood[[,]] ~~such as hardboard or plasticised cardboard.~~

³~~6~~. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ²~~3~~, wherein the durable material is derived from a composite material[[,]] ~~such as material derived from a mixture of wood or paper pulp and a rubber material.~~

⁹~~7~~. (original) An edge protector according to claim 1 further provided with indicia.

²²~~8~~. (currently amended) An edge protector for protecting an edge of an article, the edge protector comprising:


a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article;

a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms, wherein a portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm; and

~~An edge protector according to claim 1 further comprising a recess into which reinforcement means [[is]] are insertable.~~

¹⁰9. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim 1, wherein ~~for protecting the edge of an article, the edge protector comprising a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which, in use, do not contact any part of the article, and a pair of second arms for contacting or at least being situated adjacent the article in use, one of each of said second arms being connected to one of each of said first arms and characterised in that the edge protector is resiliently deformable so as to absorb energy from an impact therewith.~~

10-13. (canceled)

 ⁴14. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ³[[13]] ~~4~~, wherein the durable material is a ~~plastics material, such as~~ polyvinyl chloride or polyethylene.

⁶15. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ⁵[[13]] ~~5~~, wherein the durable material is ~~derived from wood, such as~~ hardboard or plasticized ~~plasticised~~ cardboard.

⁴16. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ⁷[[13]] ~~6~~, wherein the ~~durable material is derived from a composite material, such as~~ material is derived from a mixture of wood or paper pulp and a rubber material.

¹¹17. (original) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁰9, further provided with indicia.

¹²18. (currently amended) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁰9, further comprising a recess into which reinforcement means ~~[[is]]~~ are insertable.

³19. (original) A transit package comprising a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported and a plurality of edge protectors as claimed in claim 1, each edge

protector being located at an edge of the article and being retained in place at that edge by retaining means.

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(currently amended) A transit package, comprising
a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported; and
a plurality of edge protectors each comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which do not contact any
part of the article; and

a pair of second arms contacting or at least being situated adjacent the
article, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms, wherein a
portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the
respective first arm;

wherein

each of said edge protectors is located at an edge of the article and is retained in place at that
edge by retaining means; and

A transit package according to claim 19, wherein the base portion is a pallet.

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(currently amended) A transit package, comprising
a base portion having located thereon an article to be transported; and
a plurality of edge protectors each comprising:

a pair of interconnected, non-parallel, first arms which do not contact any
part of the article; and

a pair of second arms contacting or at least being situated adjacent the
article, each of said second arms being connected to one of said first arms, wherein a
portion of each of said second arms is arranged in non-parallel relations to the
respective first arm;

wherein

each of said edge protectors is located at an edge of the article and is retained in place at that edge by retaining means; and

~~A transit package according to claim 19, wherein~~ said retaining means comprise ~~comprises~~ one or more of shrink-wrap, rope, string or straps.

22-26. (canceled)

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27. (currently amended) A method of protecting the edge of an article, the method comprising locating and retaining, ~~for example~~ during transport, storage or display, at that edge an edge protector as claimed in claim 1.

28. (canceled)

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29. (new) An edge protector according to claim 1, wherein, in said half of the edge protector, the portion of the second arm that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion connected to the respective connecting portion, said second arm further comprising a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm.

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30. (new) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁵29, wherein, in said half of the edge protector, the proximal portion of the second arm and the respective connecting portion together define a recess tapered and open toward the distal portion.

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31. (new) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁶30, wherein, in said half of the edge protector, the connecting portion and the first arm are parallel.

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32. (new) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁵29, wherein said distal portion is

slanted at an obtuse angle relative to said proximal portion.

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33. (new) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁸32, wherein said obtuse angle is close to 180 degree.

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34. (new) An edge protector according to claim ¹⁵29, wherein said first arms are slanted at an acute angle relative to each other.

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35. (new) A transit package of claim ²³20, wherein
the portion of each of said second arms that is arranged in non-parallel relations to the respective first arm is a proximal portion of said second arm which further comprises a distal portion contiguously extending from said proximal portion away from and parallel to the respective first arm;

said proximal portion is connected to the respective first arm by a connecting portion which, together with said proximal portion, defines a recess tapered and open toward the distal portion.

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36. (new) A transit package according to claim ²⁴35, wherein said distal portion is parallel to the respective connecting portion and first arm, and is slanted at an obtuse angle relative to said proximal portion.